Ripleys - McAdens Get Together

Members of the Ripley and McAden families got together Sunday at the Don Paxton home (the former Jane McAden) for a big dinner and fellowship. There were special thoughts and best wishes, too, for four family members not present this year: Nancy McAden (in Ghana), Tom Newby, Cincinnati, and Betty Walker Ripley and J. Dan Ripley, III. Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ripley, Jr. (the former Mary Anderson of Appomattox), Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Ripley, Mrs. James McAden, Mr. and Mrs. Don Paxton, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ashby Newby, Bon Air; Mr. Kent Newby, Bon Air; Miss Jean Farrar, Forrest; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Kerr, Staunton.

Boots Begin 31st Season

A deep snow fell on January 18, 1940 and that's the day Thomas E. Richardson bought this pair of boots he has worn each year since. There's not even a patch on them (although one buckle is broken), and the pair sold for $2.26. Mr. Richardson said he asked for the $1.00 ones but was told they were sold out. The store clerk (Leggetts in Lynchburg) gave him a discount on these because the others were gone, and after thirty years of wearing them, Mr. Richardson says he's more than convinced he got his money's worth. That 1940 snow was the deepest Mr. Richardson had ever seen in this area. This year he wore his long-wearing footgear on Wednesday, Dec. 16, first day for measurable snowfall in Appomattox.

Birthdays

January

Barbara Shelton	1
James Taylor	2
Cylde Nash	6
Alan Harris	6
Tom Maxwell	8
Lucille Maxwell	8
Virginia Ryan	19
Henry Pack, III	19
Irma Burrell	21
Ressie Pugh	21
G. C. Maxwell	25
Barry Maxwell	26
Joe Maxwell	27
Otis Richardson	29
Roy Moore	29
Rodney Roach	30

Wreaths Got Pagan Start

During this holiday season, a wide variety of colorful wreaths deck the doorways of homes in this community.

The use of wreaths at holiday time stems from the customs of Advent season — the four Sundays before Christmas. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are made of evergreens, trimmed with ribbons, and hold four candles to be lit during the Sundays of Advent.

The wreath, which has no beginning or end, represents eternity, and the evergreens symbolize growth and life, according to the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

Like many other Christian holiday customs, the Advent wreath originated in pagan ceremonies.

During the dark days of the winter solstice, the sun-worshippers of northern Europe sought to please their absent god, the sun, and persuade him to return by using a wheel trimmed with greenery.

The wreath was made of an actual wheel, taken from a cart and wrapped in greens. Lights, too, were added.

If It's A Hot Pipe . . .

If it's a "hot pipe" don't smoke it, says veteran smoker Jack Martin. He usually carries two pipes in his pocket — alternating them. After 50 years of puffing he has collected more than 127 pipes from the U.S., Germany, Italy, Vietnam, and other countries. Yes, he has some Pamplin pipes, too — the famous Indian pipes made from Appomattox county red clay. Mr. Martin hollows out stems for his pipes — uses fig bush stems, sometimes. He has given away many pipes to co-workers at Appomattox Hardware Company but still has four pipes from the years he first started enjoying a smoke. What does he want for Christmas? NO more pipes, thank you — but when it comes to tobacco — Edgeworth is a favorite.

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WHEN IT'S SLICK

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's making a list of all our friends so that he can be especially good to each of you. Best wishes to all.

Eloise & Irby Wheeler

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PUBLIC NOTIC
PROPOSED HIGHWAY P

The State Highway Commission wishes to a Location and Design Public Hearing with representative of the Department of Highways on January 4, 1971 at 10:00 a. m. in the Appomattox located at Appomattox, Virginia, for the purpose sidering the proposed location and design of from the intersection of Route 647 to the of Route 660 in Appomattox County. That be held in accordance with State and Federal including provisions of Section 128 of Title United States Code, and Policy and Procedure dum 20-8.

Maps, drawings and other pertinent in available for public inspection and copying at ment of Highways District Office at Lynchbu located on Route 501 just south of Lynchbu Department of Highways Residency Office, Virginia, located on Route 1003 (Ferguson east of the Norfolk and Western Railway Over

Written statements and other exhibits re proposed project may be presented in pla addition to, oral statements at the hearing. statements and exhibits may also be sent Virginia Department of Highways at any time days following said public hearing date.

At this location and design public hearing assistance pro grams and tentative schedu of way acquisition and construction will also

State Highway Commission of

It's Christmas!

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APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA

NOTICE

The Farmers National Bank and The Fidelity National Bank of Appomattox will be closed December 25th and 26th for the Christmas Holidays.

Christmas Tree

A Christmas Tree game that everyone can play is a guessing game. In "Christmas Tree" the person who is "it" leaves the room while the other players decide on a secret word. It must be a verb, or a word showing action, such as run, eat or swim.

When "it" comes back, he tries to guess the word by asking questions using "Christmas Tree" in place of the word. He may ask, "Do children Christmas Tree?"

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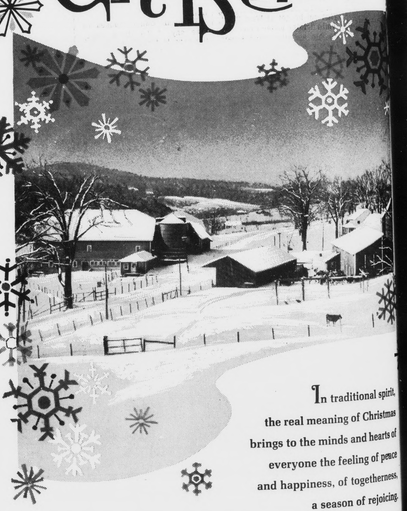
Merry Christmas



In traditional spirit, the real meaning of Christmas brings to the minds and hearts of everyone the feeling of peace and happiness, of togetherness, a season of rejoicing. With deep appreciation and great pleasure, we set aside the routine of everyday business, to greet and thank our friends whose good will we treasure. *To all, a merry Christmas.*

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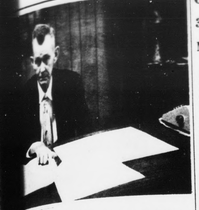

res Map Of Appomattox

Blackwell, a building contractor, has for many interest in the people and buildings of Appo- tic interest. With the help of Appomattox Town E. Scott he has marked a map of the town of Ap- originated in the early 1900's. Each number of responds to a building in existence at that time. of a commentary on the town appear on another tion.

C&M Detains 33,646 Pounds Of Meat & Poultry

Raleigh, N. C. — The Consumer and Marketing Service during October detained 33,646 pounds of meat in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The detentions resulted from routine investigations made by compliance and evaluation officers of C&MS' consumer protection programs in cooperation with various state agencies, officials of this U. S. Department of Agriculture agency said.

The Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act authorize the detention of nonfederally inspected meat and poultry products found in interstate commerce, and of USDA - inspected meat and poultry products suspected of being unwholesome, adulterated or misbranded.

Examples of the latter would be meat or poultry products that have been federally inspected but have become unwholesome or adulterated by being involved in an accident where the product became contaminated by inadequate refrigeration. An example of misbranding would be where a product's label does not accurately describe the contents.

Only federally-inspected products are allowed to move in interstate commerce. If a state - inspected product is found in interstate commerce and is in good condition, its disposition depends on the mutual decision of the originating state and the state in which the product is found.

If a federally - inspected product is detained and further inspection proves it to be wholesome and truthfully labeled, it is released into regular trade channels.

But, if an inspected product is found to be unwholesome, adulterated or misbranded, the owner has several recourses: The product may be moved to a USDA - inspected establishment for reinspection and processing for salvage purposes, or relabeling; the product can be decharacterized, identified as unfit for human food, and sold for use in animal food; or the owner can sign a release and voluntarily destroy the product in the presence of a C&MS official.

When an owner refuses to take any of the above steps, the case is turned over to the courts for final disposition. To date, all such cases have resulted in destruction of the product for use as human food. This is done in the presence of a court official so that there is documented proof of the product's disposition.

James A. Keith is officer-in-charge of the Mid-Atlantic regional compliance and evaluation staff at Raleigh, N. C. This office is responsible for C&MS compliance activities in Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Keith said he and his staff continually work with officials from various state agencies and other federal agencies in protecting the consumers' meat and poultry supply.

CAREFUL DRIVING PAYS OFF IN LONGER LIFE!

"HE'S NOTHING BUT A SOLDIER"

"Oh, he's nothing but a soldier,'
But within that eye so clear,
There lurks no craven spirit,
No timid glance of fear.
For tho' at pity's pleading
It can melt with tender light,
I've seen it flash like lightning
Across the brow of night.

"Oh, he's nothing but a soldier,'
Such as pass us every day,
He calls them "Ragged Devils,'
But you know that's just his way.
But there is one thing, very
funny,
One thing I can't explain,
That's when this soldier goes
away,
I wish him back again.

"Oh, he's nothing but a soldier,"
And a stranger yet to fame;
But they tell me in the army,
That the "Boys" all know his
name;)
The Yankees, too, have heard it,
They dread his battle shout;
They have no wish to meet him,
This dreaded Southern scout.

"Oh, he's nothin but a soldier,"
Yet you'd call his features good;
That cut he got at West Point,
While fighting under Hood.
He has a halting in his gait,
A trifle in the knee;
He brought it back from Sharpsburg,
Where he went with General
Lee.

"Oh, he's nothing but a soldier,"
But his triumphs are not few;
He has seen our glorious battle
flag
In all its trials through—
At Seven Pines he followed it,
On the heights at Gaines' Mill,
At Williamsburg, at West Point,
In the smoke of Malvern Hill.

Oh, he's nothing but a soldier,"
But, then, it's very queer —
I feel somehow when absent
I'd rather have him near.
He's gone to meet the foeman,
To stay his bloody track—
Oh! heaven shield the soldier,
O, God, let him come back!

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He is back again, this soldier,
With his eyes so deep and clear,
And his voice like falling waters,
Maketh music to my ear.
One empty coat-sleeve dangles,
Where once a stout arm grew,
But this soldier says, in hugging
He has no use for two.

"Oh, he's nothing but a soldier,"
And I know that on his form
He bears the scars of conflict
And of many a battle storm.
But I wouldn't give this soldier,
In his simple, humble home,
For all your perfumed monkeys,
That strut about the town.

He is back again, this soldier;
He is sitting by my side,—
Tomorrow; ho! for Texas,
With his young Virginia bride.
True, "he's nothing but a soldier,"
But I'm now his loving wife;
Pledged, through good report,
or evil,
To dwell with him through life.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS MERRY CHRISTMAS

Joyful Wishes

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Manger Is Theme Of Latin Yule

Though Santa and gaily decked trees often appear nowadays in Central and South America, Christmas is traditionally a time for religious observances.

Mass, at midnight on Christmas Eve or early Christmas Day, forms the heart of the holiday in Latin America, and the creche or manger scene marks the season throughout churches and homes, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana.

Bountiful feasts, processions and other special events may provide a festive note, but custom says that gift-giving time is 'Three Kings' Day — Twelfth Night, January 6th, when the Wise Men brought their gifts to Jesus.

Children put their shoes under the bed or in the window, hoping to have them filled with toys and gifts. Water and hay are set out for the 'Three Kings' horses or camels.

While many Latin American countries share these traditions and celebrate Christmas in similar ways, each country also has its own special festivities.

DIVIDEND PAID

The Board of Directors of The Farmers National Bank of Appomattox have declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of Eighty cents (80¢) per share payable to shareholders of record Dec. 15, 1970. Checks will be mailed Dec. 31, 1970.

Eastern Star Gets Credit

Mrs. Tom Torrence (Pearl) was congratulated Monday evening at the December meeting of the Eastern Star for climaxing her first year in office as worthy matron by hanging the big, five-pointed star on the 130 foot tower in Appomattox.

She explained to a sister-member of the chapter that she would like to take credit, but that it actually is Steve Poole, owner and manager of Appomattox Radio and TV Service, who decorated the tower with multi-coloured lights and then topped it with the star.

Mistletoe Magic

Long before Christianity, pagans believed the mistletoe to have special healing powers. The early Christians used mistletoe to adorn the altars at Christmas, as a symbol of the Lord's healing power. Early Christians also exchanged the kiss of reconciliation before receiving holy sacrament at the altar, a practice which led, perhaps, to the modern custom of a kiss under the mistletoe.

CHRISTMAS

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